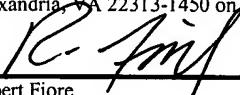




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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003, having a response due date of July 4, 2003. By the Petition for a Three-Month Extension submitted herewith, the date for responding is extended to October 4, 2003 plus the intervening weekend.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.